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Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed 09/27/2004, the applicants believe the prior response was a complete response to the respective Office action. All of the pending claims were canceled and new claims were presented. As such the new claims were yet to be rejected under the doctrine of double patenting.

However to ensure that the present claims are considered, a terminal disclaimer with respect to the present claim set is hereby being submitted. This should obviate any possible rejection of the pending claims as objectionable for double patenting.

A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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